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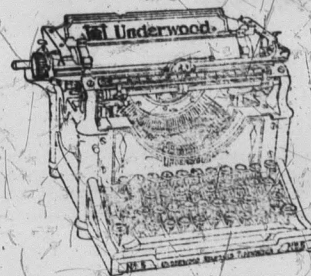
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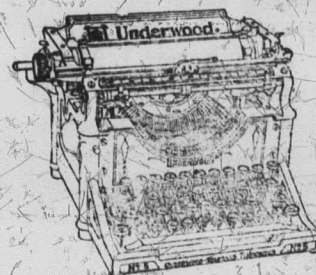
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Many of our readers will doubtless be pleased to learn of the success of Mr. Robert I. Moore, former editor of the Hatchet and the Mall, and a graduate of our Law Department in 1907.

Mr. Moore was manager for Estes in the recent campaign for the position of Attorney-General of Memphis and Sheely County, Tennessee. The campaign, it is stated, was one of the hottest ever fought in the contest, but Mr. Moore's candidate won out in spite of the expenditure of large sums of money by the opposition.

Mr. Moore has just been made Assistant Attorney-General and will take the oath of office next September. He went to Memphis only last October.

An additional fact of interest, which may or may not have significance, is that the man supplanted by Mr. Moore is a graduate of Georgetown.

Mr. Moore's many friends in Washington will not be surprised to hear that he has been successful. While in the University he showed himself, as editor of a successful year-book, as President of the Athletic Association, and as a prominent member of the Association of Class Presidents, both capable and conscientious. It was largely through his efforts that the Hatchet was placed on a business basis.

The Hatchet extends its congratulations to Mr. Moore with best wishes for his future success.

What has been pronounced by practically everyone to be the best year-book ever issued at George Washington has just made its appearance. In general make-up and artistic arrangement as well as in subject matter the book this year compares very favorably with publications of the best colleges in the country.

The issue this year is announced as Volume 1 of Series III, under the title of "The Cherry Tree." Owing to the sale of the University's property at the head of the Mall it was thought that a continuance of last year's name would be inappropriate, and after an exciting competition the Board of Editors unanimously selected "The Cherry Tree" as the permanent title.

The cover of the volume is a light gray stamped in an appropriate design of red and green. A pleasing innovation has been introduced in the form of an artistic book plate on the inside cover page.

Particularly impressive is the literary and artistic excellence of the book. There is a larger number of line drawings than ever before, the stories and poems are of a quality seldom found in a college annual, and the work on the individual half tones of the seniors easily surpasses anything heretofore presented at George Washington.

The representation given to debating, to athletics, and to the various societies and organizations is as complete as ever. To a fraternity man the fraternity section is alone worth the price of the book. Not only are group pictures, rolls of the members and pictures of the fraternity houses given this year, but in addition several pages are devoted to interior views of the various houses and a table of George Washington fraternity statistics presents information which will be a revelation to many students. The omission of tiresome lists of "frateres in urbe" is also a step for the better.

Not only does the "Cherry Tree" easily excel former efforts at George Washington, but in quality if not in size it is entitled to rank with the best books of other colleges. Other schools with more students and consequently more advertising have published thicker and more weighty volumes, but few have succeeded in turning out a book which will compare with the Cherry Tree for general literary and artistic quality.

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The First Annual Banquet of the Y. W. C. A. was held on Saturday evening, April 11th, at the Tea Cup Inn. The girls of the school were well represented by members of the Association and other students. Miss Connor, acting as toastmistress, introduced each speaker with some clever remark. Our President, Miss Mahan, gave the welcome address, and this was followed by speeches from representatives of each class, Miss Swartout, of the Seniors; Miss Cochran, of the Juniors; Miss Brackett, of the Sophomores, and Miss Nicholson, of the Freshmen. Miss Ellis gave a talk on the ideals and good of the organization and Miss Brown, the General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., addressed the girls on the general work, laying particular stress upon the conferences to be held this summer. The evening was a very enjoyable one and we trust that this is merely the first of a series of yearly celebrations.

The Chem. Lab. exam was most enjoyable, for everyone stayed as long as he could.

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If you cheerfully work all the while

And don't worry, but smile.

When the sun of life seems growing dim,

And clouds around seem hanging low;

When cherished plans have lost their vim

And brightest hopes have come to woe,

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Don't worry; smile.

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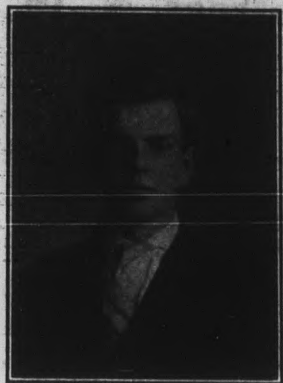
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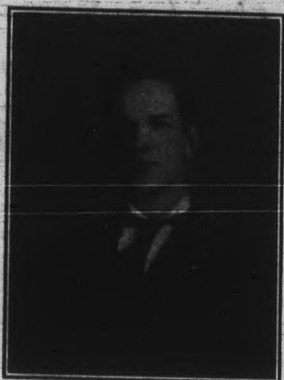
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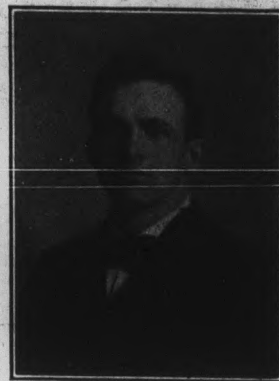
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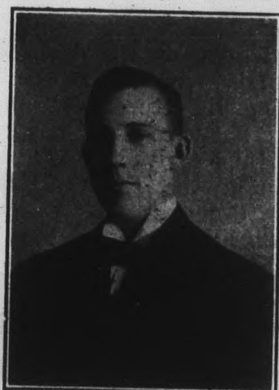
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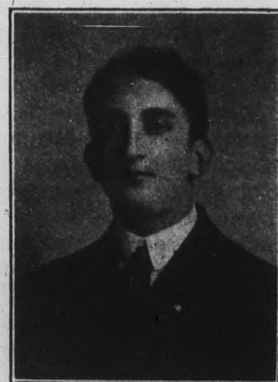
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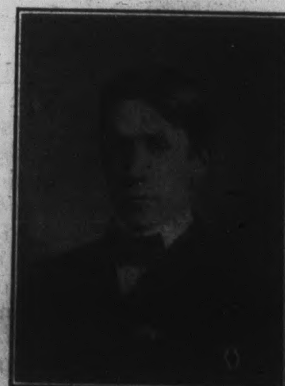
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A regular meeting of the Enosinian Debating Society was held on Friday evening, April 23, in Room 26 of the University Building. The attendance, which has been dwindling of late, was exceptionally good in spite of the hot weather and the approaching examinations, and the debate more closely contested than has been the case for several meetings. The question was decidedly pertinent in view of the present temperature and the present rush and abstracted condition of the majority of the members. The Society debated "Resolved, That the Enosinian Society should be disbanded." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. J. R. Curl and J. W. Berry, while Messrs. W. C. Van Vleck and J. F. Seiler maintained the negative, Mr. Van Vleck being appointed to debate in the place of Mr. E. O. Schreiber, who was absent. Two judges decided unanimously for the negative. The extemporaneous speech was delivered by Mr. Herndon on the subject "Enosinian," and the Bee was read by Mr. C. W. March, the secretary pro tem. Mr. Marye, the editor of the Bee, being absent, but sending the issue to the Society to be read by the secretary. The next meeting of the Enosinian Society will be held on Friday evening, May 15, after the dreaded Senior Exams have become a thing of the past. A full attendance is desired, for considerable important business is to be transacted and an especially interesting debate is scheduled. It was also moved at

the last meeting of the Society that a cordial invitation be extended to the friends of Enosinian to be present at this meeting.

## SOCIAL LIFE.

On Thursday evening, April 23, in the parlors of the Woman's Building, the Senior Class of the College took the first preliminary steps towards the production of the class play which is to appear in all its glory on the evening of June 6, which is scheduled as the date for the annual college class-night exercise. Mr. Gates, the Chairman of the Play Committee, rendered a report and thereupon the members of the class settled down to business and entertained the neighbors for an hour or so with choice selections, vocal and otherwise.

The next meeting and rehearsal are to take place on Saturday evening, May 2, in West Hall of the University Building. A full attendance of the class is requested, as it is of the utmost importance that considerable business be transacted before the beginning of the Senior Examinations. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:45 sharp.

Chi Omega entertained at a delightful dance Wednesday, April 23, at 1538 I street. The rooms were charmingly decorated in the fraternity colors, cardinal and straw. The favors for the dances were exceedingly tasteful and peculiarly appropriate. The fire-fly dance was particularly attractive and the big moon looked on with a smile that seemed to express his entire approval of the scene.

Miss Anna Rose entertained Phi Alpha Chapter of Chi Omega at

a mystery party last Saturday evening. After many surprises the feature of the evening was revealed when each girl was taken off and had her fortune told. The evening closed with fraternity songs and barn dancing.

## ARCHITECTURE.

The freshman class in Shades and Shadows has passed into history as far as the lectures on this most interesting and, according to the freshmen, often mysterious subject is concerned, but we believe that the subject will be appreciated again when the rendered design work is taken up. They have undergone examination and will now attend a course of lectures on Perspective until the end of the term.

In Construction No. 33 the subject of Specification Writing was begun April 22. This is another interesting topic.

In Pen and Ink Work in the recent drawings of the Mission Church Mr. Dysland was placed first, Mr. Bolton second and Mr. Lipscomb third in well executed designs.

Professor Charles Mason Remey left the city last Friday evening for a foreign trip, sailing from Philadelphia on the day following. His trip will be extensive, carrying his return well into the fall. The Professor has taken leave thus early in order to be present at the Eighth International Congress of Architects, which is held in Vienna May 18th to 24th and he is delegated to represent this University at the Congress. We will miss the congenial Professor the last days of the term, but he follows his usual custom in travelling the other continents during summer. Incidentally we would remark that much work done by the students of this school will be on exhibition at the Congress, in photographic form,

together with the many other exhibits of architectural work which will be shown.

There is on exhibition in one of the draughting rooms an unusually pleasing exhibition of silhouette drawings of well known subjects. The appearance of the room is not exactly like the Rogue's Gallery, although outsiders might consider it such. However, those acquainted know the subjects illustrated all right.

These are nice days for the Water Color class. Professor Bibb has begun drawings with the class of outdoor subjects. We see evidences now and then that the artists are getting in good work.

There is a report that Mr. Elmer Hornung has the measles, and if so he has our sympathy. It is regrettable to lose time badly needed for other things, but we will bet on Hornung.

Architects! This is the beginning of the end of the semester! We should keep up the atelier spirit which we developed during the last program right to the end. It will raise our growing percentage among the ateliers. The last Beaux Arts Rendu comes off May 11th and the frontispiece is due the first of the month. All come in that can.

## INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.

The Zelosophic Society of the University of Pennsylvania will debate the Students' Congress of George Washington, Friday, May 1, in University Hall, at 8:15 o'clock. The only intercollegiate debate in the city this year. Your support is needed.

It seems that Miss Richardson and T. Q. Jones are running a race for first honors in the Pharmacy Lab.

Why was T. Q. Jones late for Chem. lecture on Monday evening?

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## SENIORS '08

Ask Pozen the difference between "Misbranded" and "adulterated."

Prof. Hillebrand: "What plant contains sulphur?"

Deming (promptly, sotto voce): "Flowers of Sulphur."

This class was represented at the board exams. held April 9 and 10, by Thibadeaux. "Thibly" feels pretty confident that he passed. We all sincerely hope so!

These Pharmacy quizzes at close range are not what they're cracked up to be. Ask Deming, Floyd, Timberlake or any of the Senior class.

Bulletin: "Microscopy" Deming still leads in amount of work done.

Timberlake has a clean slate.

One thing is certain, Minstrel shows and pharmacy quizzes the next morning are incompatible physically, therapeutically and chemically.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,

The saddest are these:

"Flunked again!"

The final exams. start Thursday, April 30. Oh, Joy!

The minstrel show was all right. But, oh, that Pharmacy quiz the next morning. Of all the prize guessing contests it was the limit. A good deduction from the morning's work was to the effect that minstrel shows and study are chemically, physically and therapeutically incompatible.

The following is a sample of the morning's work, though not given verbatim:

Prof. Kalusowski: "Mr. —, what are the active principles of gentian?"

Mr. —: "Who, me?"

Prof. K.: "Yes, you!"

Mr. —: "Not me; I'm not the man. I went to the minstrel show last night."

Prof. K.: "Next!" (and so on around the class.)

or

Prof. K.: "Mr. —, what is the real chemical name for tannic acid?"

Mr. —: "I don't know!"

Prof. K. (to himself): "That's what I always thought."

A short business meeting of the class, at which several class matters were discussed, was held April 16. The subject of a class picture was definitely decided, the contract being awarded to Bachrach, every member of the class ordering one picture, one extra being ordered to be presented to the University. The picture is made

up of an individual photo of each member of the class, made up in a neat group, with the name of each member and the name of the class properly lettered on the mount.

The subject of the banquet to be given the graduates at the close of the year was also discussed.

## JUNIORS '09

At a recent meeting of the class it was decided to give an excursion down the river during the next month, a private launch being chartered for the occasion.

Prof. Waggaman seems to think that "too close proximity" to Miss R—son reminds Mr. Reese of "violets, roses, etc.," instead of medicinal plants.

Prof. Howard: "Did anybody ever see a starch grain shaped like a cork-screw?"

Prof. Waggaman: "To what natural order does myrrh belong?"

Mr. S—: "Rhizome!" Horrors!

Prof. Hillebrand: "Remember, young gentlemen, when you are buying rings for your 'best girls' you are not getting solid gold, although you are paying for it."

It has taken the members of the Junior Class to learn that there is a royal personage in their midst, the "Princess of Graustark."

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## SPECIAL ISSUE—(Continued.)

It is much to be regretted that the excellent article appearing in the last week's issue of *The Hatchet*, devoted exclusively to the Law Department, entitled "Legal Ethics," should have gone to print unsigned. It was our purpose to sign the author's name to every article appearing in the special law issue, but in some manner the fact that no name appeared in the case of this particular article was overlooked. Please let us say here, therefore, that "Legal Ethics" was prepared by Professor Walter C. Clephane, of the Law faculty.

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1908.  
(Archibald T. Banning, Jr.)

The Class of 1908 is not, I suppose, greatly different from other classes. We hailed originally from all parts of the country, each of us befogged in a dense cloud of ignorance, and soon we will return to our respective sections, the "clouds" dispersed, and the true light of legal learning beaming brightly in our brains and illuminating softly our pathways. Other classes have come and gone in the same way. But I doubt if the process of enlightenment was ever so simple a matter as it has been with us. For we were the laziest class that ever tried the patience of Professor Earnest. As a rule, our lessons were never prepared. Hepburn or Levin, to be sure, read the cases, but the rest of us merely asked questions. Still we

have learned something; and a good deal, some of us think. *How was it?*

In the first place, we were and are a most deucedly clever bunch. Somehow, by merely sleeping under Judge Peele, we learned enough about pledges and liens to bluff Professor Clarke into believing we understood why neither of these was quite a mortgage. And without even either attending a lecture or reading a book, we mastered the problems of domestic relations!

A second element making towards our success is the tremendous energy of some of our good friends of the faculty. To mention many names would not be seemly, as it would call attention to those not included; but Lorenzen, I think, should especially not be passed by. He has worked untiringly to gather in material from every jurisdiction, even from such far-away places as Jupiter and Arkansas, and has presented us concentrated food which, though somewhat difficult to chew, is nevertheless easily digested;—it is, in fact, predigested. Then I must mention Professor Thurston, who delights to reveal the beauties of the law! Who like he can present, in all their purity and delicacy, the chaste theories of Judge Keener or Dean Ames?

Thirdly, hovering all about us has been the motherly care of our beloved Dean. How he could seduce us into the paths of right reason! He taught us to love the

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rule of the law, even though we might despise its practical working, and kept us mindful throughout of the human bearing of our cases. The tragic story of Colonel Beaufort, of Kentucky, for instance, will ever give a vital meaning to the Rule in Shelley's Case, and the beautiful golden-haired Rowenas, so often referred to, will always remind us of the true basis of the feudal system. The dean's humor gave point to many a distinction which otherwise would have passed unheeded. Thus, "Though one's hands must be clean when one comes into equity," he would say, "they do not need to be sterilized." Like a mother, he was indulgent, too, and would help us over difficult places which he feared beyond our strength. He knew that, for our own best good he ought not, but ever and again, prompted by his instinctive affection, he would throw prudence aside and spend the entire class period in talking himself rather than cause any of us embarrassment by a quiz. And yet he *could* be stern if occasion demanded. Just as a mother, indulgent too long, may cumulate her wrath on some one act of discipline or punishment, he would on occasion, in a fit of unrestrained passion, inflict an examination. Oh, the bitter tears and resentment! How unfair it seemed to be treated so! But his kind heart could not bear it long. His lips were tightly nursed and his words were as ice. 'Tis true, but it all hurt him even more than us; and, after making a show of unflinching austerity, he would retire and mark us leniently.

The final element in our up-building as a class has been the inspiration of each for the others. Never were a more earnest lot of good fellows gathered together. We came from everywhere, and through each other we have learned of everywhere. We have learned that the United States is one people, that human nature is the same in all sections, and that the materialism of the North, the idealism of the South, and the radicalism of the West are but words signifying, perhaps, a slight difference of emphasis. Fundamentally, we are the same, and together we will stand for the prosperity, truth and progress of all, and, more particularly in our profession, for the spread of logic in our law and justice in

our jurisprudence. To our University we will be ever loyal, honoring her in our lives and works, and helping as we can to upbuild her influence and power, that others may share the benefits we have received.

## THE COLUMBIAN DEBATING SOCIETY.

(BY FRANK H. TWYEFFORT.)

The Law School of this University was founded in 1865. In spite of the obvious fact that facility of expression and clear statement while standing before an audience, whether in the court room or not, are indispensable and essential attributes to the lawyer, of all men the fact remains that it was not until twenty-five years after the founding of the Law Department that a good opportunity was furnished to prospective lawyers for the cultivation of this highly necessary and practical asset of the legal profession.

Soon after the University opened its fall session in 1889, nine law students assembled in University Hall for the purpose of considering ways and means whereby they could furnish for themselves and others an opportunity for regular debate. The result of the conference was the formation of the *Columbian Debating Society*, which has, from that time to the present day, held a unique position in the Law School. Every Friday night in each week of the scholastic year, save when examinations or vacations prevent, the members of this society have met to discuss and debate the important subjects of the day. The society is proud of the names which will be found inscribed on its rolls, from Secretary of the Treasury Geo. B. Cortelyou, down to Michael Levin, Esq., '08.

Many years after the founding of the *Columbian*, another organization was formed, the *Needham Debating Society*. These two debating societies in the Law School have been friendly rivals ever since that time. Inter-society debates between *Needham* and *Columbian* have been held each year, which are worth going far to hear. It would be impossible in so short an article to tell of the varying fortunes of the two societies in these memorable inter-society contests. Suffice it to say that the record for the present year credited each society with

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one victory up to last Saturday evening, when the third and decisive debate took place, when the following question was debated: "Resolved, That the present distribution of power between the Federal and State Governments is not adapted to modern conditions, and calls for a readjustment in the direction of further civilization."

In conclusion, it is hoped that this cursory statement of the *Columbian* history, the *Columbian* hopes and aspirations will make known to the students the chance which lies at hand, an opportunity which will probably never again present itself after student days are past. Membership in the *Columbian* is open, by the terms of the society's constitution, not only to members of the Law Department, but also to members of the College of the Political Sciences. Thus far, however, law students have been the ones to take advantage of the privilege. Now, however, that the "C. P. S." has been reorganized and has started out on its renewed career, the students in the Political Science Department will see that it is as essential for them as for the lawyers to acquire that most difficult and useful of arts, namely, the art of speaking intelligently and clearly before the public.

#### THE NEEDHAM DEBATING SOCIETY.

(BY GEORGE L. AMBROSE.)

With the increased growth in the attendance in the Law Department of our University came the necessity, several years ago, for a new debating society. Accordingly, in the year 1902, several students formed a new organization, which, by reason of the active support given the movement by the president of the University, was called the "Needham Debating Society." The new debating club numbered among its charter members some of the strongest debaters in the University, and largely because of this fact, and by reason also of the enthusiasm and perseverance of its members, the society forged ahead and won for itself a permanent place in the forensic life of the University.

Between the *Needham* and the *Columbian* debating societies there arose almost immediately a most friendly rivalry. Inter-society debates were arranged, each organization striving to gain supremacy in debate over the other. The *Needham* society proved its worth at the very beginning of its existence, and more than held its own in these contests. A series of three straight victories in the first three intersociety debates amply demonstrated the ability of the *Needhamites* to cope with their older and more experienced rival.

But, not only in inter-society debate has *N. D. S.* won laurels, but it must and will, we think, be conceded that the birth and rapid growth of the *Needham* has in-

fused a new life and spirit into the inter-collegiate debates in which The George Washington University has participated.

The long line of defeats which our University had suffered at the hands of Georgetown was, happily for G. W. U., interrupted by two victories, one of which occurred in 1904, and the other in the following year. In the last inter-collegiate debate between these two colleges, two of the debaters who upheld the honor of the "Buff and Blue," were *Needham* men. Nor was this the only time that George Washington University has won honors through its younger forensic society, for in several of the subsequent inter-collegiate debates in which the University has engaged, the *Needham* has taken a most active part, and has furnished her quota of debaters. Indeed, the remarkably long series of victories which has marked the inter-collegiate contests of our University (for defeat has come but seldom), has been due, in large measure, to the *Needham Debating Society*.

But the chief aim of the *Needham Debating Society* is not, nor has it been, the winning of inter-society or inter-collegiate debates, but its object and desire is rather that of training its members for the public speaking that is required of the members of the legal profession. The value of debate,—and particularly is this true in regard to those whose ambitions are centered upon the law,—is so clearly manifest that it is a matter for wonderment that more students do not realize the importance of debating before it is too late. The ability to analyze ideas, the research necessary upon subjects closely identified with legal training, the power to draw inferences and logical conclusions from established facts, the ease in publicly expressing one's thoughts—these are some of the many advantages to be gained from the practice of this art of debating.

A practical legal education should consist of three elements: First, the acquisition of knowledge; second, the formulating of original thoughts based upon such knowledge; and, third, the power

to express those thoughts and to mould the minds of men accordingly. The first of these requisites is furnished by the law course; the second and third by the debating organizations.

It is a matter for keen regret among a great many men who have a wide knowledge of the law that, during their three years in the law school, they gave no attention to debating. The result has been that when called upon to make public addresses, these men are ill at ease, and perhaps fail dismally, and only because they neglected to take part in debating when they had the opportunity. A lawyer, more than any other professional man, should be able to "make a speech." It will not be denied that skill in oratory and debate is a highly legitimate means for a lawyer to win his spurs, and his proclivities at speechmaking may do more than anything else to make him successful.

Ye men of the law, after our little sermon together, is it not very apparent that the *Needham Debating Society* is just the place in which to get your training in debate? With a loyal and enthusiastic membership, a zealous corps of officers, and an abundant and abiding belief in our society and its future, we are confident that the end of our triumphs in debate is not yet, and that the coming days will see the *Needham* far outstripping its present and past remarkable achievements.

#### THE SENIOR COUNCIL.

(BY HOWARD WILLIAM STULL, '08.)

The appearance of the University *Annual* at the close of each school year always tends to disclose the names of many new fraternities, clubs and societies, and it is to be supposed that the advent of the "*Cherry Tree*" within the next few weeks will prove no exception. The greater majority of the fraternities so represented are usually those known as the Greek letter fraternities, and are, for the most part, chapters of general or professional fraternities, governed by a supreme body or chapter. Of this class are the more permanent organizations whose

names and group pictures have, from year to year, appeared in the annual publication. On the other hand, there are clubs and societies of various kinds in the University, formed for a variety of purposes, which, enjoying one prosperous season, are duly represented in the *Annual*, only to wither and die during the summer vacation; and such organizations are dropped from the roll of college "frats" and societies.

Among the new organizations to make their initial bow in the "*Cherry Tree*" for this year is one which has withstood the scorching and deadening rays of the summer vacation sun, and unlike those mentioned in our last group above, it has come to stay, and will, we are willing to predict, be found in the society section of all succeeding numbers of the "*Cherry Tree*."

Although, appearing for the first time in this year's *Annual*, the organization in question is by no means a fledgling, inasmuch as it has been in existence since the year 1906. It is difficult to say whether this body is a fraternity, society or club. It may possibly be described by any one of these names, since its objects and purposes comprehend, in part at least, those of the fraternity, the society and the club. Suffice it to say that the organization under consideration is usually spoken of as the *Senior Council*.

The *Senior Council* is composed of a certain limited number of students of the Senior Class in the Law School, the new members or successors being chosen from the Junior Class each year. It has all of the accessories of the full-fledged lodge or fraternity: emblem, grips, passwords, mottoes, etc.—all of which are secret. The *Council* is, in the strictest sense, fraternal, but its good offices are not confined to its own membership, the scope of its operations being also extended to many philanthropic and "charitable uses." Distinctively a George Washington organization, the *Senior Council* is deeply interested in the development of that institution, and offers to the board of trustees the moral support of its members, individually and collectively, for

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the upbuilding of a new and greater G. W. U. Its financial aid also would be proffered were it not for the plan, now nearing crystallization, of erecting a memorial hall on the new campus, for, and to the use of, the Senior law class, and its successors,—such hall to be used exclusively by said class for its class meetings, smokers and elections, and also, it is said, to serve as quarters for the justices of the Moot Court, sitting as a Court en Banc.

The purposes of the *Senior Council*, as well as its true name, are locked in the secret wood-chest of the Grand Counsellor, and may not be divulged by the members to the "profane" on pain of the most excruciating torture. The *Council* is not allied with, nor is it inimical to, any of the college or professional fraternities, but it enjoys an independent existence, resembling in this respect the numerous "local" fraternities of the University.

The rights and ceremonies are at once simple and impressive, but shrouded in the deepest mystery, and are conducted in the presence of the elect at convocations held pursuant to the call of the Grand Counsellor. These convocations are held in the dark of the moon, the better to enable the neophyte to pursue his stellar observations, the conditions at this stage of the lunar period being most favorable. Unlike the Greek letter fraternities, the *Council* has no permanent rendezvous, but assembles at divers places selected with a view to seclusion. Thus the sub-basement of the University, the deserted Potomac Flats, or the numerous caves and deep ravines of Rock Creek Park afford safe and convenient asylums for the clan. This plan of meeting at different points presents many advantages over that of having a room or house where all assemblies are held, in that the members in the course of their periodic pilgrimages receive much valuable information and instruction in architecture, geology, zoology, astronomy and botany,—a knowledge of which is a desirable adjunct to a legal education.

The social feature of the *Coun-*

oil, which is much encouraged, takes the form, principally, of numerous and elaborate spreads. In fact, it might be here noted that new members are chosen with a view to their gastronomic as well as their legal ability. Dyspeptics and hypochondriacs are barred from membership, so that there is nothing to mar the pleasure of the jolly bunch of counsellors when assembled for refreshment. An extensive and varied program is being prepared for the delectation of the *Council* during the commencement season, and the committee in charge of the arrangements promises something that will be long remembered by those who respond to the Counsellor's summons on that occasion.

Although, as previously stated, the *Council* is a local organization, it has counterparts in many of the larger universities, among which might be mentioned the "Skull and Bones," at Yale, and the "Key and Scroll," at Harvard University. Since its organization in The George Washington University by members of the Class of '06, the *Senior Council* has steadily grown in favor and effectiveness, and has taken its place as one of the permanent institutions of our Alma Mater.

The active members of the *Council* of 1908 are: Arundel, Betz, Binsted, Holmes, Murphy, J. F. Patterson, A. D. Philips, I. W. Philips, Pretzfelder, Stein, Stull and Taylor.

The alumni members of the *Senior Council* are as follows:

Class of '06: Badger, Burnstein, Cooke, Furbeshaw, Harralson, Muhleman, Newmyer, Quigley, Stern, Swingle.

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### THE UNIVERSITY CONGRESS.

(By F. R. Fravel.)

Mr. Speaker, Gentlemen of the Congress, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Readers of the Hatchet:

Having been so fortunate as to secure recognition by the Speaker of the House, it is my intention to address you, through the columns of the University Hatchet, in the columns of which we have "published and printed" the speeches of our House members—a sort of Congressional record, as it were,—not upon one of the many momentous political questions of the day, nor in condemnation of the more recent utterances of one of my opponents on any burning present-day question, but it is my desire, rather, to take advantage of "general appropriation bill" day to speak to you, through these columns, upon the organization and objects of the University Congress of The George Washington University.

The "Congress," as we familiarly call it, was first organized by a former professor of the college, and has steadily developed into a large, enthusiastic, and profitable body. After its founder left the University, the "Congress" was reorganized by the University students, and has since been conducted as a student body, but a small fee being charged for membership.

The University Congress is organized and conducted as much like the House of Representatives of the United States, as has been found practicable. The members are registered as representing the States of their legal residence. The body is divided politically, as is the United States House of Representatives, the members of the Democratic party sitting on the Speaker's right, and of the Republican party on the left. The Speaker, who presides at all the sessions of the Congress, is chosen by nomination and vote from the House body, and this high and mighty

official wields the gavel with a firm hand (in imitation of Uncle Joe), when there is a tendency among the representatives towards unruliness or indecorum. Members must address the chair ("Mr. Speaker") if they wish to be heard on any subject, and they are recognized as "the gentleman from \_\_\_\_\_," (the State which the gentleman represents on the floor of the House).

The questions before the House are in the form of bills and resolutions drawn by the various members, submitted and calendared for future consideration. When a bill is selected for debate, it is read by the clerk, discussed by the members, pro and con, read again by the clerk, placed upon its final passage, voted upon, and recorded as carried or lost.

For training in speaking, to those who volunteer to make the opening and closing addresses on a given subject, encouragement is given by allowing ten minutes each; short speeches, under the "three minute rule," are also made by the members in open discussion in which all may take part; and interruptions for asking questions of any speaker are permitted. The practice of asking questions is regulated by the presiding officer and by the will of the representative who has the floor. It is especially adapted for training in self-control, confidence, and ready reply.

A clerk is selected to serve two weeks. It is a part of his duties to write up the minutes of the meetings and to prepare notices for newspaper publication. At the expiration of his two weeks' incumbency in the office of clerk, that officer acts as Speaker for two weeks. This is excellent practice and training in the ability to preside over an organization and in parliamentary practice.

During the open discussion the debate often waxed warm over the points brought out, particularly as to the political questions of the

day. Indeed, if it were the days of Jackson, Calhoun, and Clay, we might expect that Bladensburg would probably witness many a direful struggle on the field of honor between University Congress men. As it is, however, the Speaker's gavel usually (though not always) succeeds in restoring a semblance of order, at

least; and disputes were, of course, better settled thus than by *vis et armis* on the duellists' field.

Perhaps it is on the final passage of a bill, however, when the vote is exceeding close at times, that the mettle of the Speaker is put most severely to the test. Parliamentary practice is then brought into play, filibustering is

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resorted to by the minority, the leaders of the opposing forces for and against the bill lock horns, and the contest rages. Indeed, the spectators might sometimes easily imagine themselves in the midst of a fracas between Mr. Payne and Mr. Williams, of that larger but even more disorderly body up on the Hill!

The object of the Congress is to give an opportunity for the students and alumni of The George Washington University to attain those prerequisites necessary for a successful and useful career in public affairs; such as the ability to present thoughts and ideas when standing before an audience, practice in parliamentary usage, and the experience of presiding over public meetings.

But the advantages outlined above are not all. The discussions on the floor help also to disseminate knowledge. No two men think alike; no two persons present the same ideas in the same way. Men are not all versed in the same lines of business or schools of thought. Therefore, facts are brought forward that refresh the memory, and new ideas are presented by the various speakers on any given bill which prove of benefit to those who listen. Political science, social science, law, medicine, agriculture, history—ancient, mediaeval and modern, are all drawn from in the addresses, and the best authors and authorities are quoted. No man knows everything, but the commingling of thoughts quickens the intellect, sharpens the wits, enlarges the ideas and vocabulary, and is of lasting advantage.

The University Congress meets every Saturday evening during the winter months in University Hall at 8 p. m., and holds also a summer session which assembles at the same place and hour on Tuesday evenings. The summer session will soon begin, and it is to be hoped that it will prove the most successful session in the history of the *University Congress*.

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You can't study law 'nd write poetry;

For either your judgments," quoth he, "will be bad,

Or your rhymelets and verses most woefully sad."

But James Brown, in Contracts (at least, 'twas implied),

Said, "Law is but poetry,—though some petrified;

Just get at the kernel,—'tis simple as day,—

Round A. B. and X give your fancy full play;

Airily, merrily, there'll not be a flaw.

And this, sirs," said Jamesie, "is excellent law."

With mind quite distracted, this question I've tossed:

The more I've reflected, the more hopelessly lost;

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